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Commodore Thomas B. Inglis
Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Inglis:

Attached is the report of the recent conference on the exploitation of Japanese documents. In essence, the conference recommends an enlarged sphere of activity for the already successful joint Army-Navy Washington Document Center, the merging of Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section and the translation section of Op-16-FE into the Washington Document Center, and the establishment of an advanced echelon of the Washington Document Center in Japan under the Theater Document Section (ATIS). These recommendations are concurred in here.

There appears to be no obstacle to the early establishment of the advanced echelon of the Washington Document Center in Japan. It is believed that this should be accomplished with the least possible delay.

The merging of the translation section of Op-16-FE and PACMIRS into an enlarged Washington Document Center is highly desirable. In view of the stringent limitations on the number of Army personnel authorized for duty in the Military District of Washington and the excellent facilities which exist at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, may I suggest that consideration be given to the establishment of the enlarged Washington Document Center there? As you know, PACMIRS is at present located at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, which is about seventy-five miles from Washington, near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

It is planned to coordinate the Japanese document requirements of interested civilian government departments so that their interests may also be served by the advanced echelon of the Washington Document Center. This arrangement should go far in preventing a confused document situation like that which arose in Europe as a result of the independent action of many agencies.

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Your reaction to the recommendations of the conference will be very much appreciated. Implementing action here will be withheld until full coordination with your office is effected.

Sincerely,

I Incl:

Preliminary Report of
Conference, 29 Aug 45

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